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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government have no such information nor are they aware of efforts being made to convert patients to Christianity."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, there are discriminations on religious grounds in regard to admissions to the Medical College attached to this hospital. Will the Government take steps to see that such discriminations are not made in the hospital? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is only in regard to the hospital and not in regard to the Medical College."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, there is discrimination in regard to admission of patients to the hospital also."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Capitation Grants to the College and the Nursing school have been stopped but poor patients who are admitted are being treated free. On account of this the Maintenance Grant is given to help the institution."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is it not a fact that in spite of the mixing up of religion with treatment this American Mission Hospital is the most popular one in the Madras State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this Hospital and College enjoy an All-India reputation as one of the best institutions in the country."

Firka Development Scheme for Sullia firka.

* 585 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for any report about the progress of Firka Development Scheme in Sullia Firka until its replacement by the National Extension Scheme;

(*b*) if so, what are the main achievements under the scheme; and

(*c*) the total expenditure incurred on the scheme and the amount of salary paid to the staff?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The following are the main achievements of the scheme :—

Agriculture.—Two hundred and thirty-seven compost pits were dug and 900 tons of compost produced. Thirteen acres of waste lands were reclaimed and brought under cultivation. Green manure, improved paddy seeds, vegetable seeds and fruit plants were distributed. Loans were given to ryots for purchase of manure.

Sanitation and public health.—Thirty-six Wardha type latrines and twenty-one flushout latrines were constructed; four cess pools were constructed and regular sweeping campaigns held in villages.

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Village industries.—Twenty-five vertical charkas and 110 lb. cotton lint were distributed free and 25 beehives introduced.

Education.—Six new elementary schools and one adult school were opened; one school building was constructed and four were improved and extended.

Co-operation.—Two new societies were organized and 139 new members enrolled.

Communications.—Three miles of roads, two foot bridges and two culverts were constructed.

Irrigation.—One tank was improved and one pump set introduced.

Miscellaneous.—One community hall was also constructed.

In addition to the above four causeway works, one road work and one foot bridge, one school building, levelling of a school playground, and construction of a community hall had been sanctioned and were in progress.

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(c) Total cost of works	27,321	2	0
[Grant paid	5,771	2	0
Value of contributions collected	21,550	0	0]
Establishment charges	9,417	13	0"

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Sir, has it been brought to the notice of the Government that works, particularly under communications, are delayed because the Highways Department is understaffed and it is also over-worked on account of the various responsibilities saddled on to it and that delays can be avoided only by sanctioning the necessary additional staff both under the Community Project as well as the National Extension Service Schemes in South Kanara district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I shall look into the matter in consultation with the Hon. the Minister for Public Works."

Number of Malayalee N.G.Os. in the Secretariat and Commercial Taxes Department.

* 586 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Non-Gazetted Officers in the

(i) Commercial Taxes Department; and

(ii) Secretariat Departments

whose mother-tongue is Malayalam?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are 197 Non-Gazetted Officers in the Commercial Taxes Department and 161 Non-Gazetted Officers in the Secretariat Departments, whose mother-tongue is Malayalam."